Dataled across our durling's death-cold brows! And shrunk to see the crimson hummer has tilewing and flaunting where the cross stands And all well and lies buried out of sight?

Hare we had been how hard the task work grows, When loud and shrill the victor trumpet blows, and our last battle dies away in flight? Have we not yearned for Fortune's least worst

the her crowned store! the we not learned down Fate's black stream to

I the they laugh careless on the further shore! wint keeper contrast! phrase for pastime

Life's bitter riddle to be read in heaven ! - All the Year Bound.

HOW SNOOKS GOT OUT OF IT.

Componented in last treet's time ! Lioing lase the ball, he saw Hetty standing near the entrance; a little way beyond her was Katle, conversing with a tall and lanky youth. Not daring to glance in the direction of the letter, who plainly expected him to come straight to her on the wings of love, he turned and saked Hetty to dance.

They danced, and then (it was a custom with the hall-goers in that mild suburtian neighborbood) he drew her out under the gleaming stars ) and up the dark avenue that a few minutes de was the scene of her sister's happiness. There he proposed in due form, and was again scepted. Hetty's conduct, indeed, was perhaps degree more pronounced than Katle's, because laid her head upon his shoulder, and he felt Was by all the laws of sentiment bound to I as her. Her nose looked lovely in the pale bonlight so I daresay he did not find the filling of this law difficult.

Letting rather inixed by this time, and was on much for him. the very point of asking her to marry him intead, so customary had the question grown to dm now. Miss Lily, however, declined to siance, on the plea that she was tired, and ould exert herself no more that night. With questionable taste he pressed the matter, and begged her to give him one, just one. At this

the dhen frankly she did not admire his of throng, which of course ended the \* rest ... So he asked her to come for a Mirroll instead, and having arrived at the inomentous sp . lellvered himself of the ornate knearh that had already done duty three times him so. that night. I forget what it was, but I know It wound up with the declaration that he adored has no brains worth turning." "It's virete ly good of you, I'm sure," said

'Don't you, by Jove!' said Spooks hastily. himself up with a start : I don't mean that, know. In fact, warming to ms work amough Katle weakly.

saheer graditude, " "se " ... me miscrable forever ; you've broken my neart," 'Dear me, he shocking " said Miss Lily

mother's are, and, taking Wilding's arm, drew be never stirred out of it. him out of the rise. Well a sale to latter interrogatively 'I don tknow whether it is well or ill,' returned be glossu by But I followed your ad-

vice, an i propos i to 'en all' 'An', they accepted y The most of 'eta.

I always said she was a sensible girl,' put in Mr Wilding sotto voce at any price. So you see you were wrong ?"

I always knew she was one of the most intelligent girls I ever met, Mr. Wilding repeat. Third, Chicago, (the Rev. A. E. Kittredge, D. ed, in a tone so difficult that his companion D. ) 1.839; Fifth Avenue, New York, (the Rev. | BARGAINS IN ALL OUR for once had sufficient sense to refrain from John Hall, D. D., 1,613; University-Place, de nanding an explanation. The next morning, as Katie Brownrig turned Shaw, D. D., 1.389; Bethany, Philadelphia, (the

sanctum (whither a sense of filial duty beck | York. (the Rev. L. D. Bevan, D. D.,) 1,082. in I her) she almost ran into the arms of her three sisters, all converging toward the same spot from different directions. Simultaneously they entered Mr. Brownrig's study. (He called : allbrary; but that word is too often prolaned for me to profane it, so I shall draw the ing the youngest, was of course the first to raise her voice. 'I had a proposal last night, papa, and I have

me to tell you about it, said she, in a tone

its elders. But 'on this (reasion only the Washer Axle," the best axle in use, being persillers refused to be outdone. They each and feetly noiseless and lighter running than any all betrayed a smile of inwant satisfaction, and other; a careful inspection will satisfy the most Then they gave way to speech 'No!' they said in a breath. They did not carriages mean to doubt or be impolite they only meant

'The ours' see 'letty in a composed but

, plainly contemptious whisper. It was a stagewhisper. 'O'I Major Sterne, said Miss Georgie promptly

'Perhaps Henry Simms,' suggested Katle, with some sympathy. Then turning to her father she said, with a conscious blush, 'It is very strange, papa, but I too had a proposal last night.

'A so had I !' exclaimed Georgie and Hetts hir said paps, pushing up his spectacles.

He was fat and pudgy, with sandy hair and a flabby nose. He was a powerful man, too, and and the

one unpleasant to come to open quarrel with. Proposals in the Brownrig family were few and far between-in fact, curiosities-and so much luck as the girls described falling into one day The sine; my breath is not what it

naced to be, he said addressing Katie. (If he had said breadth, it would have been equally true, as his mother-if she was to be believed-

'Mr. Snooks,' said she with downcast eyes and a timid smile. She took up the corner of a cherry-colored bow that adorned her gown, and fell to admiring it, through what she fondly thought was bashfulness. Imposible " exclaimed Georgie angrily. 'What a disgraceful untruth!' eried Hetty

radely. Mr. Snooks proposed to me, to me. last night, and I accepted him." What is it you say? Oh, I am going out of my mind; my senses are deserting me, said leorgie, putting her hands to her head with a dramatic gesture. 'Or is it a dream that he asked me to marry him, and that I too said 'I seldom visit the clouds,' said Lily, with

short but bitter laugh. 'And I certainly he made me a noble offer of his hand and both which treasures I declined ' Where " demanded the other three, as bough with one mouth. 'In the laurel avenue !"

At this they all grouned aloud. Perfettous monster " said Hetty from he

'Am I to understand,' began Mr. Brownrig, with suppressed but evident fury, 'that thisthis unmitigated scoundrel asked you all to marry him last night " 'If we speak the truth, yes,' replied the girls | Fine Leghorn Flats

lie was drunk,' said papa savagely. I can't believe it, said Katie, who was disolved in tears-in fact, 'like Niobe, all tears'by this time. 'Nothing could be nicer than the way he did it. His language was perfect, and

so thoroughly from the-heart." He addressed me in a most honorable, upright, and Christian fashion, said Hetty. 'I am sure he meant every word he said."

She was thinking uneasily of that kiss in mosnlight. Could any one have seen her v

"I certainly considered his manner strange not a bit like what one reads, said (reorgie honestly; but I thought of the title and the prop-

erty, and I said ves directly." 'I thought him the very greatest muff I ever spoke to, broke in Miss Lily with decision. 'I refused him without a moment's hesitation, and flore, champagne; and then he proposed to told him to go home. I'm sure it was well I bere now reme d but one other step to be longer, he would have proposed to mamma taken in the room, and asked the next, and afterward to the upper housemaid. Brownrig to dance. He was I agree with you, papa, the champagne was too

> 'I-I think he is fond of me,' said Katie in a low and trembling tone. Her fingers are unt playing with the cherry-colored bow now, but her evelids have borrowed largely of its fint Don't be a goose, Katic, said the youngest Miss Browning, kindly but scornfully; 'you don't suppose any of us would marry him now after the way he has behaved. Do have some

Perhaps he is mad, said Hetty vaguely. vanity, she would have been glad to believe Design, at Popular Prices.

'No, my dear,' declared Lily calmly; 'be He saul something, papa, about calling to-

day at 4 o'clock,' said Katie very faintly. the . est Miss Browning calmig But, Then I shall sit here till 4,' returned Mr. ... I fear it must sound, I don't want to Brownrig in an awful tone. 'I shall sit here until 5 and then I shall get up, and go out and find that young man, and give him such a

Don't be too hard on him, papa, entreated 'I shan't my dear, but my whip will,' said

frivolously Totas hope Time will mend it. So he waited until 5, he waited till half-past I'm not very sure you did not speak the truth 5, and then be took up a certain heavy gold- No. 34 East 14th st., Union Square. at first. I really believe it is kind, my refusing | knobbed whip that lay stretched on the table as you. And now, Mr. Snooks, if I were you, I though in readiness, and sallied forth in search should go in and say good-night to mamma, be- of Snooks's rooms. And he found them, and cause you have been having a good deal of Snooks too-in bed, suffering from a severe papa a champagne, and it is trying to the con- catarrh, caught, I presume, in the laurel ave-

Snooks took the hint, bade farwell to Mrs. | And no man knows what he did to Snooks. Browning, who, to his heated imagination, ap- But at least he gave him an increased desire peared to regard him already with a moist and for his bed, because for a fortnight afterward

> When Mr. Wilding heard of all this, I regret to say he gave way to noisy mirth in the privacy of his chambers; and was actually caught by his washwoman-who peeped through the keyorforming a wild dance in the middle or - London Society

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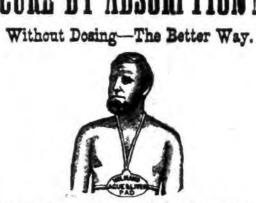
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